

**ISRAELI-ARAB SITUATION**

**BACKGROUND**

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**Military Statistics - Total Armed Forces:**

Egypt 65,000 - 15,000 are in Gaza area.  
Iraq 53,000 - no common border with Israel.  
Jordan 29,100 - 10,000 are on border with Israel.  
Lebanon 6,660 - 700 are on border with Israel.  
Syria 35,200 - 10,000 are on border with Israel.  
Israel 83,600 - 15,000\* are in Gaza area.

The Israelis, though outnumbered, are militarily superior to the Arabs and American military observers are agreed that they could best them in either a limited offensive or a defense operation. Israeli superiority is based on better organization, more skilled manpower, more effective intelligence and higher morale. The Arab armies are ill-prepared for war with Israel.

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